

## LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

11/18/08

Present: Wendy Young, Vice Chair  
Greg Czynszczon, Member  
Joe Tuell, CCCA Fac. Dir.  
Mark Seymour, DMHMRSAS/Advocate  
Kathryn Dickerson, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Deana Goldstein, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Mark Stevens, VOPA

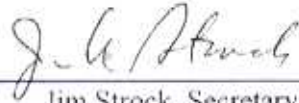
Macy Fox, Vice Chair  
Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison  
Jerry Thomas, DMHMRSAS/Advocate  
Robin Telch, *Affiliate: Liberty Point*  
Candy Calloway (for T. Kennedy) *Affiliate: Family Preservation Svcs.*  
Jenny Heilborn, VOPA

Absent: Jim Strock, Secretary

Paul Krikau, Member

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by:

  
Jim Strock, Secretary

CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes	1. Call to Order; Review of Minutes
2. General: Affiliated Programs	2. General: Affiliated Programs
3. Advocate's Report	3. Advocate's Report
4. CCCA Facility Director's Report	4. CCCA Facility Director's Report
5. Adjourn	5. The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 01/20/09 @ 6:00pm.

1. Wendy Young-Chair called the meeting to order with a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 09/16/08.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 09/16/08 were approved as presented.

2. **General discussion** items from the affiliated programs that were represented include:
  - a. Candy Calloway, *Affiliate: Family Preservation Services* requested that her program's affiliation with CCCA LHRC continue, with the support of Advocate Mark Seymour, pending further information from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB LHRC.
  - b. Regarding *Affiliate: Shenandoah House/Intercept*, Mr. Seymour announced that the program would be losing Joe Morris and was in transition with a new acting Manager.
  - c. Robin Telch-*Affiliate: Liberty Point* presented a new program with input and review by Mr. Seymour. The new program has been simplified with an easier point system for the residents, incorporating an "allowance."

Action: The CCCA LHRC continued the affiliation of Family Preservation Services of Harrisonburg-Rockingham pending new information from Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB LHRC. They also approved the program presented by Liberty Point.

3. Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS/Advocate presented his Advocate's Report, commenting that budget issues have been worrisome, with DMHMRSAS Central Office taking a 15% cut. He added that two advocates would be retiring, leaving vacancies that won't be filled necessitating coverage by existing advocates. Mr. Seymour also stated that Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB LHRC had reached it's affiliation saturation point and proposed that CCCA LHRC consider these programs for potential affiliation: *Child & Family Services*, *Minnick Education Center (Lutheran Family Services)* and *Crossroads Counseling*. Mr. Seymour also announced that the CCCA LHRC may be receiving requests from Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB) as a new program and People Places here in Staunton for the intensive in-home program.
4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, reporting that the Center was projecting admissions of 600+. He stated that the Center continues to work with Mr. Seymour and that the informal complaint process is working. Mr. Tuell emphasized that efforts continue to resolve complaints at the lowest level possible. He announced that the Center was 1-year into the process of the Seclusion & Restraint Grant, continuing with promoting a climate of change. Mr. Tuell likewise added that he was concerned regarding budget issues. The DMHMRSAS Commissioner has proposed closure of two facilities and will likely affect children's services. Mr. Tuell closed by stating that many scenarios have been hypothesized about children's mental health but that nothing has yet been confirmed.